

Message from the Secretary

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I write this message with a sense of honor, pride, and expectation. I have served in this great department, from 1986 to 1993, and I know the people of USDA. I understand the professionalism and integrity of USDA employees, a dedicated workforce that quietly and deeply influences the health and well-being of this nation.

These awards are evidence that USDA's strength lies in pushing beyond job descriptions, looking past the status quo, to think and act in new ways.

These awards celebrate not only the best of public service, but the breadth of public service. The categories belie the complexity of individual achievement and the dedication behind that achievement. For "Promoting Health by Providing Access to Safe, Affordable, and Nutritious Food," for example, we honor a chemist for cutting-edge diet-health research, a geneticist for work that contributes vastly to sustainable food production in drought-ridden West Africa, and an employee team for removing adulterated meat from the marketplace.

We salute the impact of our employees on the nation's ecosystems, on the quality of life of the rural elderly, and on the education of our youth. We recognize acts of compassion and grit, and applaud those who quietly engineered workplace change that boosted efficiency and saved taxpayer dollars.

Each and every achievement touches individuals, communities, and the nation, and each strengthens USDA's position of excellence for the 21st century. I am honored to work with you and welcome the opportunity to rejoin you in serving our country.

Sincerely,



Ann Veneman
Secretary

(Left to right) Sherie Hinton Henry, Chairperson,
Robert Egger, Robert Eilts

2001 Honor Awards Evaluation Committee Members

Ms. Sherie Hinton Henry, Acting Deputy Administrator for Operations and Management, Rural Development, Washington, DC, Chairperson

Dr. Virginia Caples, University Professor/1890 Extension Administrator, Alabama A&M University, Normal, Alabama

Mr. Robert Egger, Executive Director, DC Central Kitchen, Washington, DC

Mr. Robert Eilts, Farmer, Albany, Oregon

Dr. Jeffrey Wyatt Savell, Professor, E.M. "Manny" Rosenthal Chairholder and Section Leader, Meat Science Section, Department of Animal Science, Texas A&M University

United States Department of Agriculture

55th Secretary's Honor Award Ceremony Ronald Reagan International Trade Center

Musical Prelude **Mr. Willie Moody**
Vision Strength Artistic Arts

Presentation of Colors* **Armed Forces Color Guard**

National Anthem **Ms. Beth Gray**
Vision Strength Artistic Arts

Pledge of Allegiance **Ms. Sherie Hinton Henry**
Acting Deputy Administrator
for Operations and
Management Rural
Development

Welcome and Introduction of
Platform Guests **Ms. Sherie Hinton Henry**

Introduction of the
Secretary of Agriculture **Ms. Sherie Hinton Henry**

Secretary's Message **The Honorable Ann Veneman**
Secretary of Agriculture

Presentation for Honor Awards
Evaluation Committee Members **Secretary Veneman**

Ms. Joan Kornblith
Off-Stage Announcer

Presentation of Plow and Honor Awards

Expanding Economic and Trade Opportunities for United States
Agricultural Producers

Promoting Health by Providing Access to Safe, Affordable and
Nutritious Food

Maintaining and Enhancing the Nation's Natural Resources and
Environment

Enhancing the Capacity of all Rural Residents, Communities and
Businesses to Prosper

Operating an Efficient, Effective and Discrimination-Free Organization

Heroism and Emergency Response and Major External Awards

Presidential Rank Awards and Special Length of Service Presentation

Closing Remarks

Audience will be seated promptly at 12:00 p.m.

***Please stand during the presentation of colors and remain
standing until the colors retire.**

Program should conclude at approximately 2:30 p.m.

**Reception for the Award Recipients
And Their Guests Immediately Following
The Secretary's Honor Awards Ceremony**

Located in the Ronald Reagan Building
International Trade Center

Honor Award Recipients for 2001

Plow, Individual and Group Achievements

Expanding Economic and Trade Opportunities for United States Agricultural Producers

Plow Honor Award

National Organic Final Rule Team, Agricultural Marketing Service,
Washington, DC

Kathleen A. Merrigan, Group Leader

*For outstanding effort in establishing the first national
standards for production, handling and labeling of agricultural
products represented as "organic."*

Group Members:

Mark A. Bradley, Paula J. Collins, Michelle Cottom, Billy Cox,
Elizabeth S. Crosby, Michael Fernandez, Mary Elizabeth Hayden,
Truman Keith Jones, Mark D. Keating, Demaris Kogut, Richard H.
Mathews, Craig A. Morris, Arthur Lee Neal, Jr., Robert L. Pooler,
Maria A. Strother, Thomas E. Tichenor, Debra S. Tropp

Office of Budget and Program Analysis Group Member:

Lisa Crosby

Economic Research Service Group Member:

Catherine R. Greene

Office of the General Counsel Group Members:

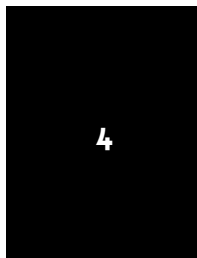
Cynthia A. Koch, Robert Paul, Kenneth Vail, Thomas Walsh

Office of the Chief Economist Group Member:

James Schaub

Individual and Group Achievements

Agricultural Market Access Database Team, Economic Research Service, Washington, DC



Paul Gibson, Daniel Whitley,
Group Leaders

For providing conceptual and managerial leadership to a significant international effort to develop a critical information tool for the analysis of global agricultural trade issues.

European Union Export Team, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Washington, DC

Mary Stanley, Group Leader

For developing and implementing a comprehensive residue control program that prevented disruption in meat exports to the European Union and set the stage for increased trade in the future.

Group Members:

John C. Prucha, Mark M. Manis, Clark D. Danford, Karen D. Stuck, Ricky L. Harries, Elijah Walker, Michael Hoffman, Aron Yoffe, Joann Hicks, Rita Kishore, Ralph Bakowski, Oto Urban, Larry Lee, Larry Darr, Manzoor Chaudry, Alfreda Emery, Sharon Thomas, Monica Marcelli, Glen Thuman

Foreign Agricultural Service Group Members:

Richard Petges, Catherine Otte, Bobby Richey, Mary Revelt, Melinda Sallyards

Agricultural Marketing Service Group Members:

Robert Epstein, Mark Bradley, Martin O'Connor, Larry Meadows, James Riva, Steve Ross, Martin Friesenhahn

Office of the General Counsel Group Members:

Rick Herndon, Marion Cordova

Environmental Protection Agency Group Member:

Elizabeth Leovey

Juniper Wood Composite Development Team, Forest Service, Madison, Wisconsin

James Muehl, Group Leader

For excellence in developing an economical process to produce a value-added composite product from juniper to enhance ranch income and rangeland improvement.

Group Members:

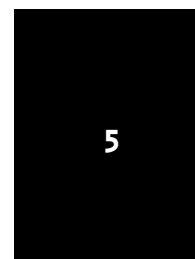
Andrzej Krzysik, John A. Youngquist, Theodore Laufenberg

Southcentral Mountain Rural Communities and Development Council Group Member:

Howard Shanks

Private Citizen Group Member:

Phil Archuletta



James MacDonald, Economic Research Service, Washington, DC

For leading cutting edge research on concentration and competition of food markets, allowing policy-makers to make informed decisions based on a better understanding of changes in industry structure.

Multi-State Research Project — Northeast 183, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service and the State Agricultural Experiment Station, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana

Peter M. Hirst, Group Leader

For providing timely information to apple growers nationally about the likely success of establishing new apple cultivars in different regions while meeting consumers' desire for diverse and tasty apples.

Group Members:

W. Alfred Dozier, Jr., Robert C. Ebe, Arlie A. Powell, Dean Polk, Curt R. Rom, Donn T. Johnson, Patrick Fenn, Ronald McNew, Richard Kiyomoto, Kathryn C. Taylor, Daniel L. Horton, Esmaeil Fallahi, Krishna Mohan, Ricky E. Foster, Paul C. Pecknold, Jules Janick, Duane W. Greene, Wesley R. Autio, Daniel R. Cooley, Jon M. Clements, Renae Moran, Alan L. Jones, Philip Schwallier, Larry J. Gut, Randy M. Beaudry, William H. Shaffer, Jr., William G. Lord, Winfred P. Cowgill, Jr., Robert Belding, Joseph C. Goffreda, William Tietjen, Ian A. Merwin, David A. Rosenberger, James R. Schupp, Richard W. Straub, Susan K. Brown, Chang Yong Lee, Turner B. Sutton, C. Richard Unrath, James F. Walgenbach, Michael L. Parker, David C. Ferree, Diane D. Miller, Michael A. Ellis, Anita N. Azarenko, Robert M. Crassweller, George M. Greene, II, Jayson K. Harper, Kenneth D. Hickey, Larry A. Hull, James Travis, J. LaMar Anderson, Schuyler D. Seeley, Keith S. Yoder, Ross E. Byers, M. Elena Garcia, Lorraine Berkett, Bruce H. Barritt, Teryl R. Roper, Alan R. Biggs, Henry W. Hogmire

Agricultural Research Service Group Member:

Stephen S. Miller

**Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act Branch Internet Training
Program Team, Agricultural Marketing Service, Washington, DC**

Charles W. Parrot, Group Leader

For innovative development of an interactive, Internet-based training course for its customers on the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act which governs the produce industry.

Group Members:

Raymond D. Thomas II, Thomas A. Leming, Leslie S. Wowk, Jane E. Servais, James E. Bright

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James K. Sands, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Des Moines, Iowa

For outstanding contributions in providing timely and reliable agricultural statistics for the benefit of United States producers and exemplary customer service to data users worldwide.

Slaughter Surveillance Validation Team, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Riverdale, Maryland

Michael J. Gilsdorf, Group Leader

For determining the accuracy of slaughter surveillance programs for detecting disease and initiating improvements that would increase confidence in our disease-free status and increase trade.

Group Members:

Dale Rendahl, Thomas O. Bunn, William Ford, Michael T. Greenlee, Richard E. Hill, Terry D. Milligan, Robert P. Radke, Valerie E. Ragan, Kevin L. Petersburg, John F. Wiemers, Nora E. Wineland, Jonathan B. Katz, Bruce A. Wagner, Adam G. Grow, Mark A. Schoenbaum, Wayne A. Zeilenga

Spokane Regional Office, Risk Management Agency, Spokane, Washington

Dave P. Paul, Group Leader

For dedication in improving, expanding and providing risk management/outreach for apple programs which resulted in improving the economic environment for growers and rural communities.

Group Members:

David A. Bearden, Jonathan R. Burcham, Brenda S. Davis, Patricia A. Franks, David L. Green, Donald H. Kaufman, Charlene K. Knight, Christopher L. Mahelona, Carol A. Oliver, Michael D. Rice, Jo Lynne Seuffer, Mary J. Stuart, Wade C. Wippering

Promoting Health by Providing Access to Safe, Affordable, and Nutritious Food

Plow Honor Award

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Mark G. Winne, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service and the Hartford Food System, Hartford, Connecticut

For leading a nationwide initiative resulting in a seven-year, \$16 million food security initiative to increase food access and a statewide food security liaison network.

Individual and Group Achievements

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Gary R. Beecher, Agricultural Research Service, Beltsville, Maryland

For developing important and new information about the occurrence of important nutrients in foods which has led to the increase in the health of the general public and opened new markets for American agriculture.

Consumer Protection Task Force, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Oak Park, Michigan

Stephen L. Parker, Group Leader

For identifying and removing over 50,000 pounds of adulterated meat and poultry products from the marketplace and for documenting violations that resulted in convictions with fines and restitution exceeding \$400,000.

Group Members:

Joan L. Collins, Eugene Casole, Tom Hoffman, Donald Rushing, Fred L. Williams, Peter W. Di Martino, Michael K. Miller, Martin L. Hickman, Thomas V. Black, Scott Safian

State of Michigan Group Members:

Karen Butler, Robert De Rubeis

Department of Justice Group Members:

Kenneth R. Chadwell, Sheldon Light, Saul Green

Office of the General Counsel Group Members:

James D. Holt, Hal Reuben

Food Safety Initiative Team, Office of Inspector General, Washington, DC

Stephen V. Fowkes, Group Leader

For outstanding contributions to the Department of Agriculture's transformation of its food safety inspection program to the science-based Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point System, which resulted in significant improvements to the food safety system.

Group Members:

Bonita L. Abbey, Michelle Aiken, Lamar N. Anderson, Robin D. Anderson, William R. Boers, Herbert E. Carpenter, Ramona C. Coleman, Ronny V. Cook (retired), Janice D. Corley, Emanuel A. Dizzia (retired), Marlane T. Evans, Darryl L. Frazier, Larry W. Gean, Jina L. Gilbert, Cheryl A. Hawkins, Aubrey D. Herbin, Caroline Higginbotham, Mark S. Hight, Joseph M. Holmes, Archie James, Lance R. Jenkins, Albert E. Kozak, Edward R. Krivus, Ralph E. Leeper, Chiquita R. Lowery, Michael J. Maday, Edward Malysa, Richard A. Martin, Denise D. McLean, Gary A. Mecklin, JoAnn Moser, Edward Nelson, Deborah L. Outten-Mills, John W. Pepper, Janet M. Petruccy, Raymond G. Poland, Renee Redman, John W. Self-Medlin, Mark C. Schaper, Stephanie R. Shaw, Gary L. Smith, Gregory Suko, Patricia B. Sullivan, Daniel T. Tighe, Larry S. True, A. Edward Vonk, Penny R. Wiedemer, Dennis W. Zimmerman

Food Security Team, Food and Nutrition Service, Atlanta, Georgia

Virgil L. Conrad, Group Leader

For outstanding leadership toward ending hunger in America by obtaining specific, written, public proclamations from top State officials to reduce hunger in their states, through strategic partnerships with the Department of Agriculture.

Group Members:

Crayton Lankford, Charlie Simmons, Peggy Fouts, Gilbert Camacho, Karen Dean, John Butler, Elizabeth King, Gloria Bennett, Lanna Kirk, Mary Collins, Susan Anderson, Madeline Fowler, Ernest Williams, Charlotte Duncan, Lewis Wright, Michael Pace, Kirk Farquharson, Robert Caskey, Nora McMillan

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Anthony E. Hall, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service and the University of California, Riverside, California

For breeding disease-resistant and early-flowering varieties of black-eyed pea (cowpea) that have become reliable sources of nutritious foods in drought-ridden West Africa.

Healthy Eating Index Group, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, Washington, DC

P. Peter Basiotis, Group Leader

For developing the Interactive Healthy Eating Index, an on-line dietary assessment tool, providing a quick summary measure of overall dietary quality.

Group Members:

Shirley A. Gerrior, Nancy W. Gaston, Hazel A. Hiza, Kristin L. Marcoe

Intelidata Technology Corporation Group Member:

Jianping Shi

Inspection Team from Establishment 9400, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Wyalusing, Pennsylvania

Craig Shultz, Group Leader

For the team effort by Establishment 9400 which proved conclusively that there is a direct correlation between specific post-mortem pathological conditions and the use of antibiotics in food animals.

Group Members:

Nancy Atkins, Charles W. Ellis (retired), Anna Ruman, Leo Macariola, Henry Schlesinger, Joseph Dubas, Paul Loulis, Diane Loulis, Mark Ulrich, Daniel Nolt, David Keeney, John Joyce, Leon Annable, Anthony Ditri, Russell Bulick, Frederick Holler, Romaine Salsman, Betty Beiling, Warren Hubbell, Louis Lalonde, Barry Bruyn, Eric Brown, Charles Hubbert, Mark Haulman, Benjamin Casner, Gerald Bannon, Timothy Trogon, Scott Canfield, Jani Bennett, Sally Balash, Alfreda Emery, George Gray, Neil Suchodolski, Richard Minnick, Ronald Boise

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Mohammad Koohmaraie, Agricultural Research Service, Clay Center, Nebraska

For leading team research resulting in development of technology now being used by producers and processors to improve safety and quality of the United States red meat supply.

Partnership for Food Safety Education, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Washington, DC

Susan Conley, Group Leader

For significant accomplishments in creating and developing a unique public/private partnership that represents an unprecedented effort to teach consumers about food safety.

Group Member:

Sandy Facinoli

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service Group Member:

Jan Singleton

Center for Disease Control Group Member:

Julia Smith

Food and Drug Administration Group Members:

Marjorie Davidson, Laura Fox

American Egg Board Group Member:

Lou Raffel

American Meat Institute Group Member:

Sara Lilygren

Association of Food and Drug Officials Group Member:

Betsy Woodward

Consumer Federation of America Group Member:

Carol Tucker Foreman

Food Marketing Institute Group Members:

Dagmar Farr, Anne Sydnor

National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation Group Member:

Jackie Rayoun

National Association of State Departments of Agriculture Group Member:

Richard Kirchhoff

National Chicken Council Group Member:

Dick Lobb

National Pork Producers Council Group Members:

Michele Sene, Leah Becker

Soap and Detergent Association Group Member:

Bruce Sansoni

U.S. Poultry and Egg Association Group Member:

Don Dalton

Partnership for Food Safety Education Group Members:

Melanie Miller, Robert Curry

Environmental Protection Agency Member:

Susan Laing

National Cattlemen's Beef Association Group Member:

Alissa Harrison

Produce Marketing Association Group Member:

Kathy Means

Canadian Partnership for Consumer Food Safety Education Group Member:

JoAnn Myer

American Dietetic Association Member:

Mary Anne Hogue

Performance High Impact Team, Food and Nutrition Service,
Alexandria, Virginia

Steven J. Carlson, Group Leader

For creativity in fighting hunger through creating the National Nutrition Safety Net, an innovative guide to help communities better utilize Federal nutrition assistance.

Group Members:

Gary W. Bickel, Anita M. Cunningham, Betty J. Dixon, Karen Leigh Dyer, Randall Harrison, Christine E. Kissmer, Christine Krutzler, John Kwit, Timothy F. Murphy, Gina R. Rickhoff, Pamela H. Washington

Seamless Food Safety Distribution and Enforcement Group, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Chicago, Illinois

Louis Leny, Group Leader

For effectively demonstrating the teamwork envisioned under a seamless food safety system to protect consumers and the American food supply.

Group Members:

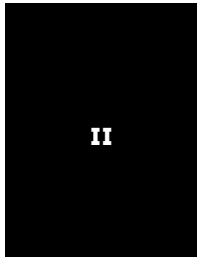
Tamara Mayberry, Paul Wolseley, David Brown, Geri Brandimarle, Lindia Howell, Thomas Mateja, Tommie Olson, Leonard Uptain, Eugene Casole, Scott Safian, Donald Rushing, Richard Roloff, Mary Lewis

State of Illinois Group Members:

Tim Shekelton, Norman Paul, Harris Sachs, Victor Young, James Kubik, Nicholas Lyons, Francis Okino

Department of Justice Group Members:

Howard Levine, Susan Golabek, Eric Sussman, Ted Chung



John N. Sofos, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service and Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado

For leading research studies on meat decontamination and control of pathogenic bacteria which has generated information that is applied to the enhancement of the safety of meat products.

Welfare to Work Group, Food and Nutrition Service, Alexandria, Virginia

Floyd A. Wheeler, Group Leader

For developing a partnership between the American School Food Service Association and the DC Central Kitchen that has the potential to assist food stamp recipients with employment and impact the labor shortage within the food service industry.

Group Members:

Anita M. Cunningham, Daniel M. Garvey, Ronald B. Johnson

Maintaining and Enhancing the Nation's Natural Resources and Environment

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Living With Wildlife Team, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Lakewood, Colorado

Craig C. Coolahan, Group Leader

For improving the education of America's youth about wildlife and the need for improved management of certain species to protect agricultural and natural resources.

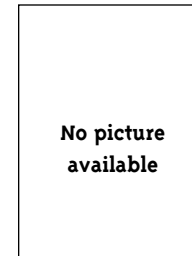
Group Members:

Diana L. Dwyer, Kathleen A. Fagerstone, Douglas I. Hall

Colorado Foundation for Agriculture Group Member:

Bette L. Blinde

Individual and Group Achievements



Nancy Burt, Forest Service, Rutland, Vermont

For the high degree of professionalism and leadership in developing the watershed assessment process on the Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forest.

Cache River Watershed Project Team, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Anna, Illinois

Richard A. Miller, Group Leader

For bringing together diverse agricultural and environmental interests to develop a highly successful local resource plan for improved land management on private lands within the watershed.

Group Members:

Keith C. Bell, Arthur L. Houseman, Terrence A. Wachter, Jesse C. Hall, Euley Simington, Danette M. Cross, Jeffrey L. Windhorst

Soil and Water Conservation District Group Members:

Robin Mizell, Ernest Rhodes, Beverly Welch, Keith Livesay, Shelia Ford, Cheryl Miller, Elizabeth Back

Raghavan Charudattan, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service and the University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

For the development of biological control methods using plant pathogens for weed management in crop production and management of invasive plants that reduces reliance on herbicides thus enhancing environmental quality.

Climate Change Negotiations Analytic Support Team, Office of the Chief Economist, Washington, DC

William Hohenstein, Group Leader

For significant contributions to improving the Kyoto Protocol through the consideration of forest, crop and grazing land management.

Group Member:

James Hrubovcak

Agricultural Research Service Group Members:

Michael Jawson, Marlen Eve

Forest Service Group Members:

Bryce J. Stokes, Marilyn Buford, Richard A. Birdsey, Linda S. Heath, Hermann Guzinski

Natural Resources Conservation Service Group Member:

Jeri Berc

Geo-Spatial Information System Partnership, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Fairfax, Virginia

George A. Hanuschak, Group Leader

For leveraging expertise and resources through an innovative partnership of Department of Agriculture agencies, State governments and universities to produce Geo-Spatial Information System data layers in support of natural resource monitoring.

Group Members:

Raymond R. Bosecker, Michael E. Craig, Robert C. Hale, Richard Mueller, Garry D. Kepley, Larry W. Beard, Benjamin F. Klugh, Charles E. Gore, Ralph W. Gann, James K. Sands, Thomas L. Gregory, John D. Witzig

Natural Resources Conservation Service Group Members:

Rosendo Trevino, John Allen

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Group Member:

Thomas Heavisides

Illinois Department of Agriculture Group Members:

Steve Frank, Jim Hartwig

Illinois State Geological Survey Group Member:

Don Luman

Iowa State University Group Member:

U. Sunday Tim

Florida A&M University Group Members:

Katherine Milla, Bobby R. Phills, Sunil K. Pancholy

State of North Dakota Group Member:

Roger Johnson

North Dakota State University Group Members:

Bruce Seelig, John Nowatzki

Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce Group Members:

Umesh Sanjanwala, James C. Sparkman, Charles R. Gray

Hancock County Soil and Water Conservation District, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Carthage, Illinois

Lori G. Bollin, Group Leader

For leading the State of Illinois in applying conservation buffers, contributing 3,900 acres toward the National Conservation Buffer Initiative Program which contributes to saving taxpayer dollars and improving human health and quality of life.

Group Members:

John Gunter, Matthew LeMaire, Betty Buckert, Deborah Boyles, Abbie Sperry

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James H. Miller, Forest Service, Auburn, Alabama

For leading research and outreach to further native plant conservation and non-native plant management for sustaining regional biodiversity and productivity in the forests of the Southeastern United States.

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Thomas Milton Quigley, Forest Service, La Grande, Oregon

For leading the development of science underpinning the management of Columbia Basin natural resources, enabling an informed debate about fish, riparian, old growth and forest health issues.

Roadless Area Conservation Project Team, Forest Service, Washington, DC

Scott D. Conroy, Group Leader

For dedicated service on the Forest Service roadless team, using innovative technology and analysis techniques in accomplishing the project.

Group Members:

Julia Riber, Melinda Murch, Joseph Stringer, William Supulski, Douglas Schleusner, Jon Martin, Ron Archuleta, Eric Johnston, Linda Langner, Mike Williams, Dave Thomas, Jim Gauthier-Warinner, Fay Shon, Curt Spalding, Russ Lafayette, Seona Brown,

Susan Charnley, Dave Harmer, Joel Krause, Rob DeVelice, Madelyn Dillon, Rhey Solomon, Tom Bobbe, Chuck Dull, Dan Thompson, Susan DeLost, Steve Marshall, Susan Dreiband, Cindy Chojnacky, Teresa Ciapusci, Kent Johnson, Brad Johnston, James McDonald, Sue Cummings, Kimbra Newman, Peggy Commadore, Barbara Timberlake, Kathy Oelke, Tom Tidwell, Melissa Hearst, Elizabeth Anderson, Jody Sutton, Gabrielle Renshaw, Susan Hickenlooper

Office of the General Counsel Group Member:

Vince DeWitte

Roland Wetland Restoration Team, Forest Service, Bedford, Indiana

Patrick Merchant, Group Leader

For providing leadership in promoting and demonstrating the values of riparian area management to landowners throughout southern Indiana.

Group Members:

Robert Aynes, Kim Earney, James Klug, Thomas Krueger, Teena Ligman, Verna Molina, Ron Overshiner, Kelle Reynolds, Thomas Thake

Natural Resource Conservation Service Group Members:

Terry Cornwall, Keith Gilmore

Indiana Department of Natural Resources Group Members:

Larry Allen, Carl Eisfelder, Doug King, Gary Mumma, Adam Norman, E.L. Robinson, Bill Seegers

Private Citizen Group Members:

David Brakhage, John Hall, Martha Nice, Linda Osterhout, Greg Walker

Semi-Arid Land-Surface-Atmosphere Team, Agricultural Research Service, Tucson, Arizona

David C. Goodrich, Group Leader

For leading a multi-agency effort to provide critical hydro-ecological information and new measurement tools for sustaining our precious semi-arid natural resources.

Group Members:

Bruce F. Goff, M. Susan Moran, Phillip Heilman, E. Sue Anderson, Ross B. Bryant, Michael Rene Davis, Arthur Dolphin, James H. Everitt, Chandra D. Holifield, Timothy O. Keefer, Mary R. Kidwell, Howard D. Larsen (retired), Robert C. Marsett, Raul M. Ortiz, Russell L. Scott, James R. Smith (retired), John R. Smith, Aaron H. Sobel, Carl L. Unkrich, Charmaine Verdugo

Gabinete de Estudios, Ambientales (Mexico), Group Member:

Hector Arias-Rojo

Arizona State University Group Member:

Ward Brady

Institut de Recherche pour le Developpement (France),**Group Member:**

Ghani Chehbouni

Los Alamos National Laboratory Group Member:

Daniel Cooper

Wageningen Agricultural University (Netherlands), Group Member:

Henk deBruin

Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales (France), Group Members:

Gerard Dedieu, Yann Kerr

Environmental Protection Agency Group Members:

Curt Edmunds, Dan Heggem, Bruce Jones, William Kepner

University of Iowa Group Member:

William Eichinger

Instituto Tecnologico de Sonora (Mexico), Group Member:

Jaime Garatuza

Friends of the San Pedro Group Member:

Tricia Gerrodette

University of Arizona Group Members:

Mariano Hernandez, Thomas Maddock, Robert Mac Nish, Stephen McElroy, Scott Miller, Barbara Moorhouse, Wanmei Ni, Jim Shuttleworth, Soroosh Sorooshian, Mary White, David Williams, Ann Moote

Department of Interior Group Members:

Tony Herrell, Beaumont McClure

Utah State University Group Member:

Lawrence Hipps

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Group Members:

Gretchen Kent, Bob Lozar, Winnifred Hodge Rose

Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique (France),**Group Member:**

Jean-Pierre Lagouarde

U.S. Geological Survey Group Members:

Stan Leake, Donald Pool

Columbia University Group Member:

Guanghai Lin

Centre de Cooperation Internationale en Recherche Agronomique pour le Developpement (France), Group Member:

Yann Nouvellon

Cochise County, Arizona Group Member:

Allon Owen

University of Maryland Group Member:

Rachael Pinker

Michigan State University Group Member:

Jiaguao Qi

The Nature Conservancy Group Member:

Holly Richter

Jet Propulsion Laboratory Group Member:

John Schieldge

Northern Arizona University Group Member:
Thomas Sisk

Arizona Department of Water Resources Group Member:
Dennis Sundie

Instituto del Medio Ambiente y Desarrollo Sustentable del Estado de Sonora (Mexico), Group Member:
Chris Watts

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Andrew N. Sharpley, Agricultural Research Service, University Park, Pennsylvania

For significantly advancing basic and applied knowledge that has enhanced the management of agricultural systems which maintain productivity and protect water resources.

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Robert Staten, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Phoenix, Arizona

For pioneering improvements in integrated pest management approaches that have drastically reduced cotton producers' dependence on pesticides and relegated pink bollworm to a minor pest in Arizona and California.

Students Sharing Our Agricultural Roots, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service and the University of Florida, Belle Grande, Florida

Richard Raid, Russell Nagata, Group Leaders

For developing environmental and biological control education programs for schools and growers in South Florida and Everglades areas, which resulted in increased community awareness and appreciation for agricultural and environmental programs.

Vegetation Simulator Fuels and Fire Effects, Forest Service, Fort Collins, Colorado

Ralph R. Johnson, Group Leader

For developing computer software tools capable of predicting and visualizing vegetation responses to damaging insects, disease and fire, allowing natural resource managers to evaluate proposals affecting forest resources.

Group Members:

Gary E. Dixon, Dennis M. Donnelly, Robert N. Havis, Barry A. Lilly, Donald A. Vandendriesche, Michael G. Van Dyck, Nicholas L. Crookston, Elizabeth D. Reinhardt, Robert J. McGaughey

Wood Magic Science Fair™ Program, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service and Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, Mississippi

R. Dan Seale, Group Leader

For an innovative program which teaches the importance and use of wood as a renewable raw material in our lives within a science fair format.

Group Members:

Terry Conners, H. Michael Barnes, Amy W. Garrard, Jason Leng

Enhancing the Capacity of all Rural Residents, Communities and Businesses to Prosper

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Value-Added Wheat Program Team, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service and the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, Stillwater/Alva, Oklahoma

Rodney B. Holcomb, Robert C. LeValley, Group Leaders

For developing an innovative program which contributed significantly to a struggling rural Oklahoma community, which serves as a model for similar ventures elsewhere.

Individual and Group Achievements

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Brenda E. Aiello, Rural Housing Service, Garden City, Kansas

For exemplary performance, dedication and determination to ensure decent, safe and sanitary housing for the Vasquez family of Ulysses, Kansas.

All Hazards Early Warning System Working Group, Rural Utilities Service, Washington, DC

Marcella M. Hilt, Office of Communications, Group Leader

For improving the lives of rural Americans by championing the Weather Radio, a severe weather warning system and finding new ways to alert citizens of potentially dangerous weather.

Group Members:

Orren E. Cameron III, Joseph Taggert

Federal Emergency Management Agency Group Member:

Vincent Brown

General Services Administration Group Member:

Stewart J. Levy

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Group Member:

Jeng F. Mao

Committee for Reinventing Government Group Member:

Michael S. Messinger

National Weather Service Group Members:

Kenneth Putkovich, Barry Reichenbaugh, John Sokich

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Group Member:

George T. Wilcox

Covington Area Office, Rural Housing Service, Covington, Tennessee

Thomas L. Taylor, Group Leader

For extraordinary commitment and delivery of Rural Development programs that enhanced the capacity of rural residents, communities and businesses to prosper in Fayette, Lauderdale, Shelby and Tipton counties.

Group Members:

Harriet Cannon, James W. Futrell, Bish Thomas, Joyce Mason, Arlissa Armstrong, Mary Ann Fleming, Dorothy Henning, Patricia Hoffmeyer, Billy Lane

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Jonathan F. Day, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service and the University of Florida, Vero Beach, Florida

For outstanding research and education on controlling mosquitoes and other blood-feeding arthropod disease vectors to protect the citizens of Florida and the Nation.

Delta-Schoolcraft and Marquette-Alger Intermediate School District, Forest Service, Escanaba, Michigan

Dennis Stanek, Group Leader

For innovation and commitment to providing a community based approach to promote natural resource education and conservation.

Group Members:

Deb Homeier, Kristine Paulsen, William Laurich

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Robert J. Gotkowski, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Bourbonnais, Illinois

For outreach efforts to limited resource minority producers, helping establish a cooperative and secure funding for field demonstrations, equipment and supply purchases, which built foundations for future success.

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Nancy Graybeal, Forest Service, Portland, Oregon

For leadership within and outside the agency that has improved the connection between the management of natural resources and the health, vitality and sustainability of rural communities.

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Charles A. Kraenzle, Rural Business and Cooperative Service, Washington, DC

For consistent distinguished service for carrying out Department of Agriculture's mandate in collecting and disseminating statistics on farmer cooperatives.

Literacy Team, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service and West Virginia University Extension Service, Morgantown, West Virginia

Ruthellen Phillips, Group Leader

For remarkable success in elevating the academic and nutritional status of West Virginia children living in low-income and rural communities through a six-week summertime reading and nutrition program, Energy Express.

Group Members:

Jean Ambrose, Gretchen Butera, Suzette Cook, Pamela A. Godfrey, Stacey E. Harper, David Ice, Virginia S. Jones, Chelena McCoy, Kimary F. McNeil, Margaret W. Miltenberger

Oglala/USDA Partnership Team, Rural Housing Service, Huron, South Dakota

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Patrick S. Gross, Timothy B. Potts, Group Leaders

For leading the effort in facilitating the Oglala Oyate Woitanacan 2008 Empowerment Zone, development of the SuAnne Big Crow Center, along with over twenty other economic development projects on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Oregon Conservation Planner Certification Cadre, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Portland, Oregon

Roy M. Carlson, Jr., Group Leader

For development of a conservation technology transfer model that is used to develop the expertise of employees to ensure that the interests of landowners are addressed while complying with natural resources law and regulation.

Group Members:

Hal W. Gordon, Jeffrey P. Repp, Tom M. Gohlke, Bruce D. Wilson, Steven B. Campbell, Russell R. Hatz, Craig M. Ziegler, Roger H. Borine, John G. Eddy, Roy L. Manning, Robert Graham

Program Support Operations Research Group, Rural Housing Service,
Washington, DC

Richard A. Davis, Group Leader

For outstanding accomplishment in operations research and the development of an automated system that significantly improves the delivery of programs to rural Americans.

Group Members:

M. David Feld, Randy E. Simmons, Edward H. Plourde

Rural Home Loan Partnership Initiative Team, Rural Housing
Service, Lewiston, Maine

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Michael R. Hope, David A. Kent,
Group Leaders

For diligently promoting the Rural Home Loan Partnership Initiative and creating one of the most successful efforts in the nation, which greatly improved the lives of residents in southern Maine.

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Jerry Guy Schickedanz, Cooperative State Research,
Education, and Extension Service and New Mexico
State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico

For leadership in providing enhanced service to rural, Hispanic and American Indian populations, through Rural Agricultural Improvement and Public Affairs, Welfare Reform Youth at Risk and American Indian partnership programs.

Southern Illinois-Southeast Missouri Outreach Project, Natural Resources
Conservation Service, Mt. Vernon, Illinois/Dexter, Missouri

Roscoe Allen, Walter Smith, Group Leaders

For leading a bi-state outreach effort to assist two groups of small limited resource producers with establishing new markets and developing a cooperative.

Team Oregon of Rural Development, Rural Development, Portland,
Oregon

Jerry W. Sheridan, Group Leader

For leading the implementation of the Northwest Economic Adjustment Initiative, resulting in new channels of cooperation and communication between ten Federal departments, state, local, tribal governments and the public.

Group Members:

Bud Fischer, William F. Daniel, Wayne D. Dunlap, Kenneth W. Durrell, Mona Ellison, Suzanne C. Fitzgerald, David A. Force, Colleen S. Hewes, Paul Kershnik, Wess Lannen, Forrest D. Peck, Joe Sahfeld, Clemens R. Singer, Pamelea L. Swires, Rosanne Volker Bronson, Marie G. Wakefield, Frank Ware, Robert Haase, Don Hollis, Jane Howard, Georgia Reese, Tom Simonson, Julie Stedman, Dan Streng, Eric Herst

Three Mile Reservoir Agency and Supporting Affiliates, Natural
Resources Conservation Service, Creston, Iowa

Robert Brown, Three Mile Reservoir Agency, Group Leader

For the supreme effort of a group of committed citizens who developed a safe and dependable source of water for the people of their seven county Iowa region.

Group Members:

Dennis Hilger, Paul Goldsmith, Erwin Aust

Trinity/Ore-Cal Resource Conservation and Development Group,
Natural Resources Conservation Service, Weaverville, California

Scott W. Eberly, Group Leader

For assisting rural residents, communities and businesses in northern California to achieve a vigorous economy, a happy community and a healthy natural environment.

Group Member:

James L. Vancura

Trinity Resource Conservation and Development Council Group Members:

Ralph Modine, Karen Zimmer, Roger Jaegel, James French, Joseph Kasper, Rose Owens, Randy Pennington, Millie Pollard, Patrick Truman

Ore-Cal Resource Conservation and Development Council Group Members:

George Wright, Nancy Huffman, Rennie D. Cleland, Edward Keady, Harvey Shinar, Joan T. Smith, John Martinez

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Dayleann Waymire, Rural Housing Service,
Covington, Indiana

For enabling Indian communities to achieve their vision of prosperity and sustainability using creative leveraging, partnering and targeting of Department of Agriculture resources which enhanced program delivery.

White Earth Reservation Science and Math Program, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service and the University of Minnesota Extension Service, Crookston, Minnesota

Deb Zak, Group Leader

For brightening the future of American Indian youth by teaching math and science skills while nurturing environmental and cultural appreciation.

White Earth Reservation Group Members:

Paul Schultz, Andy Favorite, Joe LaGarde, Brad Estey, Monty Fox, Gwen Kjervestad, Doug McArthur, Mike Smith, Ed Snetsinger

White Earth Reservation Tribal and Community College Group Members:

Kim Anderson, Helen Klassen, Judy Fairbanks

Rural Minnesota Concentrated Employment Program, Incorporated Group Members:

Donna Hartmann Turner, Sharon Sinclair

University of Minnesota, Visions for Change Group Member:

Maggi Adamek

University of Minnesota, College of Natural Resources Group Member:

Steven Daley Laursen

University of Minnesota, Department of Forest Resources Group Member:

Charlie Blinn

University of Minnesota, Extension Service Group Member:

Richard Krueger

Circle of Life School Group Members:

Steve Furuseth, Dave Varriano, Mitch Vogt

University of Minnesota, Center for 4-H Youth Development Group Member:

Stephan Carlson

Center for Environmental Learning and Leadership Group Member:

Mark Paulson

Biological Systems and Agricultural Engineering Group Member:

Mario Lee

Department of American Studies Group Member:

Vikki Howard

Operating an Efficient, Effective, and Discrimination-Free Organization

Plow Honor Award

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Rosemary Hall, Farm Service Agency, Kansas City, Missouri

For outstanding management and delivery of automated processes for emergency assistance programs.

Individual and Group Achievements

Audits of Electronic Benefits Transfer Systems, Office of Inspector General, Beltsville, Maryland

Marlane T. Evans, Group Leader

For excellence in recognizing the impact of an emerging Electronic Benefits Transfer system and in developing an audit response which ensures its integrity by providing safeguards against fraud and abuse.

Group Members:

Frank P. Huband, Lael J. Lubing, Joseph A. Marchowsky

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Alva J. Chase, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, New Orleans, Louisiana

For leading cultural change and re-engineering work processes resulting in an 84 percent reduction in Equal Employment Opportunity claims, 17 percent staff reduction and 5 percent increase in workforce productivity.

Clerical/Support Staff, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Destreham, Louisiana

Glenda Lasseigne, Group Leader

For superior level of accomplishment in providing administrative support resulting in increased efficiency and improved customer service.

Group Members:

Yohanna Lorio, Carla Cambre, Rose Fremin, Erin Dubroc, Amelia Gautreau, Joanna LaBlanc, Angela Marine, Joanne Matherne, Angela Roper

Combined Administrative Management System Team, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Beltsville, Maryland

Hans E. Heidenreich, Group Leader

For planning, development and implementation of an automated human resources system to support critical program needs of seven agencies in three mission areas that will result in both significant savings in time and taxpayer dollars.

Group Members:

Patricia D. Cecil, Sandra R. Smiley, W. Gordie Walker, Jr., Donald R. Whitcomb, Brenda S. Young

Rural Development Group Members:

Thomas A. Bennett, Miriam Y. Matthews

Farm Service Agency Group Members:

Janice G. Colvin, Donald H. Corley, Ruby L. Herve, Lana T. Park

Departmental Administration Group Member:

Charlene C. Hatton

Unisys Group Members:

Theodore Smith, Venu Cheruku, Neerada Devireddy, Ramesh Gopalakrishna, Donald James, Kiran Jasthi, Ashok Ramachandran

Contracting and Acquisition Branch, Farm Service Agency,
Kansas City, Missouri

Khristy Baughman, Group Leader

For excellent small business outreach efforts in the local community, forging a new level of community partnership between Department of Agriculture and small businesses.

Group Members:

Angela Allen, Linda Bolton, Patty Cochran, Sharon Dowse, John Hanson, Gayle Harris, Jerry Shead, Paul Talley

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Nathaniel M. Deutsch, Departmental Administration,
Washington, DC

For working tirelessly as an effective advocate for employees with disabilities and helping to transform the Department of Agriculture into a leader in employment of people with disabilities.

Document Management Imaging System Project Team, Farm Service Agency, Kansas City, Missouri

Susan Karr, Group Leader

For exceptional effort in providing nationwide electronic access to agency handbooks through the Document Management Imaging System, enabling employees to work quickly and effectively to fulfill research requests from farmers across the country.

Group Members:

Richard P. Mellinger, Catherine F. Owings, Raymond G. Doakes, Patti Carlstrom, Debra Myers, Donnie L. McClure, Donald P. DeGeer, James R. Westbrook, Willa B. McDaniel, Waymon L. Ponds

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Brian D. Frieden, Farm Service Agency, Normal, Illinois

For perseverance, innovation and creativity in tackling hunger in the organization and performance of the Community Harvest of Hope Committee.

Funds Reservation System Project Team, Rural Housing Service, Washington, DC

Dean A. Daetwyler, Group Leader

For developing a state-of-the-art, web-based loan reservation system that significantly increases the efficiency and effectiveness of the delivery of the Guaranteed Rural Housing Loan Program.

Group Member:

Thomas E. Hannah, Carol Henson, Donna Chism, Marilyn Deming, Greg Eschman, Linda Hamel, Craig Loddeke, David Pffaffenberger, Michael Buethe, Lavern Watson, Tonia Lohman, Carol Buerman, Susan Dierkes, Kelly Elli, Ronald W. Kloxin, Daniel Lewandowski, Marlene Murphy, Linda Nattier, James A. Newell, Craig Stroud, Janet Baechle, Peggy Flores, Patricia A. Melton

Farm Service Agency Group Members:

Debra A. Rapp, Robert J. Watson

Interactive Data Analysis System Development Team, National
Agricultural Statistics Service, Washington, DC

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Mark A. Apodaca, Robert G. Hood, Group Leaders

For exceptional creativity in designing and developing a state-of-the-art editing system with broad applications to census and sample surveys.

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Frederick P. Kocher, Farm Service Agency,
Springfield, Illinois

For exceptional service to individuals and families in obtaining loans to become farmers and ranchers.

MAJCO, Incorporated, Investigation and Prosecution Team, Office of
Inspector General, East Lansing, Michigan

Andrew W. LaFleur, Group Leader

For dedication in the investigation and prosecution of massive fraud by a provider in Department of Agriculture's Child Care Feeding Program, which will provide a significant deterrent against future fraud and strengthen public confidence in the program.

Group Member:

Debra D. Barbour

United States Attorney's Office Group Members:

Blondell L. Morey, Jorin G. Rubin, Craig A. Weier

Federal Bureau of Investigation Group Members:

Rodney M. Charles, David L. Hunt, Michael P. O'Connor

National Arboretum's Big Bugs Exhibit Committee, Agricultural
Research Service, Washington, DC

Elizabeth L. Ley, Group Leader

For enhancing public knowledge and awareness of the importance of the plant/insect relationship for food, flowers and fiber.

Group Members:

Thomas S. Elias, Nadine E. Hiers, Nancy S. Luria, Scott M. Aker, Lisa A. Baldus, Mary Ann N. Jarvis, Susan E. Bentz, Johann F. Koldzen

Operation Forbidden Fruit Task Force, Office of Inspector General,
New York, New York

Gary P. O'Brien (retired), Group Leader

For excellence in identifying and prosecuting individuals involved in a major bribery scheme involving wholesalers and Department of Agriculture inspectors in New York City.

Group Members:

Emily R. Conlon, Richard J. Gallo

Agricultural Marketing Service Group Members:

David N. Lewis, Leanne L. Skelton

Federal Bureau of Investigation Group Members:

Christina M. Kinney, AnnMarie DeMeo

United States Attorney's Office Group Members:

Evan T. Barr, Michael J. Gilbert, Marc L. Greenwald, Edward O'Callaghan, James R. Bullock

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Florence R. Pridgen, Forest Service,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

For outstanding leadership of the Continuous Improvement Process, which serves as a model for Forest Service to improve the work environment of employees.

Science and Technology Initiative for Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, Washington, DC

Deborah J. Cavett, Group Leader

For establishing a national awards program honoring outstanding teachers and research scientists at Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Department of Education Group Members:

Earl S. Hayes, Treopia Washington

Department of Energy Group Member:

Annie Whatley

National Aeronautics and Space Administration Group Members:

Carl S. Person, Bettie L. White

National Science Foundation Group Member:

A. James Hicks

Health and Human Services Group Member:

Matthew A. Kinnard

Nuclear Regulatory Commission Group Member:

Joan Higdon

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Jacalyn Shelton, Agricultural Marketing Service,
Lubbock, Texas

For innovative development of new computer programs to standardize cotton classing processes to improve the efficiency of classing offices throughout the Cotton Program.

Southern Tier/African American Heritage Group, Forest Service,
Murphysboro, Illinois

Mary R. McCorvie, Group Leader

For innovative methods in creating employment opportunities for minority students to research the African American heritage of the Southern Tier Forests and the Underground Railroad.

Group Members:

Marlene Rivero, Ann Cramer, Angie Krieger, Angie Fuller,
Sarah Arthur

Upland Cotton Task Force, Office of Inspector General,
Memphis, Tennessee

Sandra D. Haste-Conner, Group Leader

For exemplary performance, dedication and professionalism associated with a series of complex fraud investigations involving the Upland Cotton Domestic User/Exporter Program.

Group Members:

Donna R. Driver, Phyllis R. Grissom, Kristen S. Hamman

Farm Service Agency Group Member:

David D. Kirkland

United States Attorney's Office Group Members:

Dan L. Newsom, Lawrence J. Laurenzi

Internal Revenue Service Group Members:

Alice M. Campbell, C. Dale Goggans (posthumously)

Work Force Services Staff, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, New Orleans, Louisiana

Donald R. Lewis, Group Leader

For implementing an innovative program for informally and expeditiously resolving any workplace conflict which radically improved the overall employment environment.

Group Members:

Shirley B. LeBlanc, Patty W. Duvernay, Kathy P. Barre', Diane Barnes, Lisa J. Hawkins, Thanh-Thuy Nguyen, Thuy Thu Nguyen

Heroism and Emergency Response

Plow Honor Award

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Melvin Massey, National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, Reed Springs, Missouri

For quick, decisive actions in performing cardiac pulmonary resuscitation which revived a two-year old child and saved the child from drowning.

Individual and Group Achievements

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Victor P. Apodoca, Forest Service, Pecos, New Mexico

For on-going heroism and extraordinary courage in fighting and surviving a near-fatal on-duty attack.

Cass-Clay Flood Recovery, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, North Dakota State University Extension Service, Fargo, North Dakota and the University of Minnesota Extension Service, Moorhead, Minnesota

Bradley D. Cogdill, Group Leader

For educating the public about flood clean-up, safety, mold removal, home drying and stress relief after June 2000 flooding.

North Dakota State University Extension Service Group Members:

Kenneth J. Hellevang, Becky A. Koch, Noreen A. Thomas, Rita A. Ussatis, John C. Kringler

University of Minnesota Extension Service Group Members:

Nancy L. Frosaker-Johnson, James B. Stordahl

Flavivirus (West Nile Virus) Team, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Riverdale, Maryland

Randall L. Crom, Group Leader

For outstanding and dedicated efforts in developing a strategy for addressing issues related to surveillance, diagnostics and prevention of the West Nile Virus in the Western Hemisphere.

Group Members:

John Belfrage, Arthur Schwartzberg, Beverly Schmitt, Eileen Ostlund, Doug Pedersen, Donna Johnson, Dennis Senne, Arach Wilson, Brundaban Panigrahy, Juan Lubroth, Douglas Gregg, Thomas McKenna, Lee Ann Thomas, Mary Beth Evans, Richard Hill, Michel Carr, Steven Karli, Carol Tuszynski, Katherine Marshall, Victoria Bridges, Barbara Corso, Christine Kopral, Josie Traub-Dargatz, Lindsey Garber, Jerome Freier, George Hill, Nora Wineland, Ann Seitzinger, Marjorie Swanson, Thomas Walton, Robert Werge, Paula Cowen, Clint Baker, Nathan Birnbaum, Aida Boghossian, Tim Cordes, Joseph Anelli, Franklin Kriewaldt, Terrance Wilson, Ian Stewart, Steve Smith, Barbara Bishcoff, Oliver Williams, Thomas Gomez, Andrea Morgan, Chester Gipson, Alfonso Torres, Sharon Coursey, Lisa Ferguson, Najam Faizi, Karen James, Mark Dulin, Donna Malloy, Louise Lothery, Judith Garrison, Dawn Youngling, Mark Teachman, Ty Vannieuwenhoven, Karola Oliver,

Dave Wilson, Glen Garris, Gary Colgrove, Madelaine Fletcher, Farouk Hamdy, Bob Bokma, Thomas J. Myers, Katherine Handy, Tracye Butler, Michael David, Jeanette Greenburg, Sara Kaman, Joyce Bowling, Leonides Cardenas, Sheila Miller, Raymond Hess, Mary Ann Hines, Eduardo Curlett, Elizabeth Lloyd, Kenneth Water, Dale Rendahl, Dawn Ragione, Alejandro Thiermann, Robert Nervig, Thomas Holt, Jose Diez, Barry Meade, Thomas Varty, Todd Johnson, William Smith, Roxanne Mullaney, Leslie Bulaga, Kay Wheeler, Robert Brady, Lech Szkudlarek, Noreen Roche, Roberta Duhaime, Lynn Siegfried, Robert Good, Kenton Holm, Jan Huber, Jessica Dewey, Ricky Owens, Richard Chipman, Jerry Depoyster, Jesse Brown

Agricultural Research Service Group Members:

David Swayne, Karl Narang

Center for Disease Control Group Members:

Nick Komar, John Roehrig

State of Kentucky Group Member:

Peter Timoney

State of New York Group Members:

John Huntley, Sue Trock, Lyda Denny

State of New Jersey Group Members:

Ernest Zirkle, Nancy Halpern, Jennifer Fowler

State of Pennsylvania Group Member:

John Enck

State of Connecticut Group Member:

Mary Jane Lis

State of Rhode Island Group Member:

Susan Littlefield

State of Delaware Group Member:

Wesley H. Towers

Private Citizen Group Members:

John Andresen, Tracey McNamara

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Eric F. Garcia, New Mexico State Police Department, Santa Fe, New Mexico

For heroism and performance above and beyond the call of duty in emergency care following the assault of Forest Service Officer Victor Apodoca on May 28, 2000, in Santa Fe National Forest.

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Doris L. Greiner, Rural Housing Service, Washington, DC

For providing on-site technical assistance to the town of Princeville, North Carolina, and its residents in recovering from the devastation caused by Hurricane Floyd.

Heritage Resource Crew, Forest Service, Duluth, Minnesota

William Clayton, Group Leader

For rescuing three canoeists from Ensign Lake in northern Minnesota in dangerous winds, large waves and hypothermic water and air.

Group Members:

Jennifer Dahl, Ryan Byerly

Oklahoma Tornado Response Team, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service and the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, Ada, Oklahoma

Jack Frye, Group Leader

For emergency, continuing recovery efforts with the Stroud community and others from the 1999 Oklahoma tornadoes that killed 44 persons and left 8,000 with destroyed or damaged homes and communities.

Group Members:

Fred Eilrich, Chuck Willoughby, Gerald Doeksen, Mike Woods,
Mindy Moore, Mick Jones

Sun Valley Avalanche Center, Forest Service, Ketchum, Idaho

Ann Marie Devereaux, Kelly O'Neill, Group Leaders

*For locating, rescuing and saving the life of a fellow employee
who had been buried by a snow avalanche.*

Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies Working Group, Animal
and Plant Health Inspection Service, Robinsville, New Jersey

Linda Detwiler, Group Leader

*For accomplishing many crucial milestones since bovine spongi-
form encephalopathy, scrapie and other transmissible spongiform
encephalopathies are in the public eye on an almost continuous
basis.*

Group Members:

Kathleen Akin, Victoria Bridges, Thomas Gomez, Lisa Ferguson,
Allen Jenny, Donna Malloy, Gary Svetlik, Ed Curlett, Lynn Hayes
Creekmore, Diane Lynn Sutton, Lee Ann Thomas

**William A. Jump
Memorial Award for 2001**

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Ms. Michelle O'Neill, Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Information Technologies Industries, Trade
Development International Trade Administration,
United States Department of Commerce,
Washington, DC

*For sustained superior performance and professional
excellence in support of the e-commerce and
information technology initiatives of the United
States Department of Commerce.*

The *William A. Jump Memorial* is presented annually to Federal
employees under the age of 37 in recognition of outstanding service in
the field of public administration. The award is given in memory of
William A. Jump who for many years was the distinguished Budget and
Finance Officer of the Department of Agriculture.

Dr. Daniel E. Salmon Award for 2001

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Dr. Brian J. Gentile, Product Manager, United States
Army Medical Materiel Development Activity,
Kearneysville, West Virginia

*For contributions as a scientist, clinician and
veterinary public health worker which have made
an enduring impact on the lives of animals, people,
communities and the Department of Defense.*

The *Dr. Daniel E. Salmon Award* is presented annually to recognize
outstanding contributions and notable service in the public's interest
by a federally employed veterinarian who has no more than 10 years
of service. This award was established to honor the first director of
the Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Animal Industry. The award
was established and funded by the National Association of Federal
Veterinarians.

Major External Awards Sponsored by External Organizations 2000-2001

Arthur S. Flemming Award, sponsored by George Washington University, Government Executive Magazine, in conjunction with the Arthur S. Flemming Award Commission

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Isabel P. Arrington, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Omaha, Nebraska

For intensively working in a pivotal role as a technical expert in the Food Safety and Inspection Service's Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point – based Inspection Models Project, an effort to revamp a postmortem inspection system nearly a hundred years old.

Fulbright Scholarship, sponsored by the Fulbright Commission

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Ching-Yan Li, Forest Service, Corvallis, Oregon

For conducting research at the Department of Microbiology at Nicholas Copernicus University in Turan, Poland, on ecological structure, functions and processes of microbial ecology in rhizosphere.

American Agricultural Economics Association Award for Professional Excellence, Distinguished Policy Contribution, sponsored by the American Agricultural Economics Association

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Ralph E. Heimlich, Economic Research Service, Washington, DC

For professional excellence, distinguished policy contribution, sponsored by the American Agriculture Economics Association.

Leadership and Administration Award, sponsored by the American Society for Horticultural Science, Southern Region

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Calvin E. Arnold, Agricultural Research Service, Fort Pierce, Florida

For promoting and encouraging national interest in scientific research and education in Horticulture in all its branches.

The Alexander S. Onassis International Prize for the Environment, sponsored by the Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation

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John W. Doran, Agricultural Research Service, Lincoln, Nebraska

For substantial contribution for the development and the application of sustainable management agricultural practices towards conserving the balance of the planet's natural resources, respecting the noble mission that throughout the years was accomplished to the benefit of mankind.

John Deere Gold Medal Award, sponsored by John Deere

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Dale F. Heermann, Agricultural Research Service, Fort Collins, Colorado

For outstanding contributions in the area of irrigation water management.

Government Employees Insurance Company Public Service Awards,
sponsored by the Government Employees Insurance Company

Richard J. Mangan, Forest Service, Missoula, Montana

For developing and managing several programs and projects to improve wildfire safety, assisted with the development of the first National Fire Prevention Association standard for wildland protective clothing and equipment, and was instrumental in securing the National Wildfire Coordinating Group's support for the latter project.

W. R. Chapline Research Award, sponsored by the Society for Range Management

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Gary Frasier, Agricultural Research Service, Fort Collins, Colorado

For significant contribution to the knowledge base for range science as a researcher and scientific editor.

Animal Management Award, sponsored by the American Society of Animal Science

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Thomas G. Jenkins, Agricultural Research Service, Clay Center, Nebraska

For outstanding contributions to animal management.

Performance, Incentives and Leadership Linked to Achieve Results,
sponsored by the United States Office of Personnel Management

Southeast Regional Office, Food and Nutrition Service, Atlanta, Georgia

For initiative in emphasizing its Total Quality Management initiative which emphasizes organizational alignment to the strategic plan of the agency (as well as State partners), employee and stakeholder input and involvement, customer service standards and performance management.

Advancement of Surface Irrigation, sponsored by the American Society of Agricultural Engineers

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Allen R. Dedrick, Agricultural Research Service, Beltsville, Maryland

For the application of surface irrigation automation and laser land grading to benefit irrigated agriculture.

Outstanding Customer Service Recognition Award, sponsored by the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board

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Eileen Hamblen, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, New Orleans, Louisiana

For outstanding contributions to the Thrift Savings Board as Head, Thrift Savings Plan Service Office 1987 to 2000.

Fellow, American Society of Agronomy, sponsored by the American Society of Agronomy

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Dan R. Upchurch, Agricultural Research Service, Lubbock, Texas

For outstanding achievement in the area of agronomy.

Service to the Profession Award, sponsored by the Service to the Profession Award, United States Agricultural Information Network

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Pamela Q. J. Andre, Agricultural Research Service, Beltsville, Maryland

For distinguished efforts in the areas such as the development of the Agriculture Network Information Center, digital preservation and international outreach.

Award for Leadership in Plant Conservation, sponsored by the Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior

J. Herbert Stone Nursery, Forest Service, Central Point, Oregon

For leadership and work on culturing native grasses and forbs for the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service, as well as for tribal councils and other Federal, state and local government agencies throughout the Western states and Alaska.

Olney Medal Award, sponsored by the American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists

Tyrone L. Vigo, Agricultural Research Service, New Orleans, Louisiana

For outstanding achievement in the field of textile chemistry.

The American Police Hall of Fame Silver Star for Bravery, sponsored by the American Police Hall of Fame

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Jeffrey Bryden, Forest Service, Seward, Alaska

For a rescue attempt of several accident victims at the scene of a fatal car wreck on the Seward Highway.

Investigative Excellence Award, sponsored by the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association

Rita Plair-Wears, Phil Stewart, Forest Service, Arcadia, California

For investigative excellence on Operation Interstate.

Charles E. Bessey Award for Outstanding Regional Scholarship, sponsored by the Center for Great Plains Studies

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Carolyn Hull Sieg, Flagstaff, Arizona; **Curtis H. Flather**, Fort Collins, Colorado, Forest Service

For the best natural science article published in "Great Plains Research Recent Biodiversity patterns in the Great Plains: Implications for Restoration and Management" Great Plains Research 9 (fall 1999): 277-313.

Hy-Line International Research Award, sponsored by the Department of Agriculture and the Poultry Science Association

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Ann M. Donoghue, Agricultural Research Service, Fayetteville, Arkansas

For outstanding contributions in the area of poultry science.

2001 Unsung Heroes Award Program, sponsored by the Association of Technical and Supervisory Professionals; Employee Services and Recreation Association, Department of Agriculture; National Association of Federal Veterinarians; Organization of Professional Employees of the Department of Agriculture; and, Senior Executive Association, Department of Agriculture Chapter 2

Sue Beckman, Farm Service Agency, Washington, DC

For outstanding dedication and leadership in the agency coupled with courageous, heroic and unselfishness in giving to mankind in the medical field.

Anna Pierce, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Washington, DC

For giving unselfish contributions "behind the scenes" and personal commitment to public service.

Archie B. Whitley, III, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Rocky Mount, North Carolina

For courageous efforts and support during the aftermath of Hurricane Floyd in Edgecombe County, North Carolina, one of the hardest areas hit in that state.

Julie MacSwain, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Stillwater, Minnesota

For outstanding dedication and constantly giving of herself and her time to her job and community.

Richard W. Mankin, Agricultural Research Service, Gainesville, Florida

For exemplifying the best in the Department of Agriculture as a person who has positively affected the lives of young people as a mentor and national organization leader.

Jeffrey Aldrich, Agricultural Research Service, Beltsville, Maryland

For establishing new affiliations with the Department of Defense in Washington, DC, to explore mosquito repellants.

Foreign Academy of Sciences, sponsored by the Polish Academy of Sciences

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Robert R. Kraeling, Agricultural Research Service, Athens, Georgia

In recognition of outstanding scientific achievements and significant contributions to the scientific community of Poland.

Excellence in Audit Award, sponsored by the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency

Information Security Audit Team, Office of Inspector General, Mission, Kansas

For outstanding performance in conducting audits of the security over the Department of Agriculture's Information Technology Resources.

Group Members:

Thomas F. Heideman, Roger J. Salem, Deborah A. Bix, Janell S. Clemons, Steven B. Exkland, Jay A. Haverdink, Linda I. Hobson, John D. Hughes, Vircie M. Klein, Peter W. Lee, Michael A. Stamelos

Bullard Fellowship, sponsored by the Harvard University Charles Bullard Fellowship in Forest Research for Advanced Study and Research

Fred Swanson, Forest Service, Corvallis, Oregon

For supporting advanced research and making important contributions to forestry, defined in its broadest sense as the human use of forested environments.

Entomological Society of America Award for Excellence in Integrated Pest Management, sponsored by the Southeastern Branch of the Entomological Society of America

D. Michael Jackson, Agricultural Research Service, Charleston, South Carolina

For excellence in integrated pest management.

Cyrus Hall McCormick-Jerome Increase Case Gold Medal Award, sponsored by the American Society of Agricultural Engineers

Stuart O. Nelson, Agricultural Research Service, Athens, Georgia

For exceptional and meritorious engineering achievement in agriculture.

Alton E. Bailey Medal, sponsored by the American Oil Chemists Society

Richard Ferrol Wilson, Agricultural Research Service, Raleigh, North Carolina

For significant and creative research advancements in plant breeding resulting in improved soybean and oil products.

Honorable Mention in Investigation Award, sponsored by the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency

Secretarial Security Team, Office of Inspector General, Washington, DC

For outstanding leadership and dedication in providing protection to the Secretary of Agriculture.

Group Members:

Patrick K. Maloney, Harold A. Goodridge, Bethanne M. Marik, Gregory Nigro, Conrad K. Raines, Joseph A. Rotunno

Federal Energy Champion, sponsored by the United States Department of Energy

Victor Hager (retired), Forest Service, Fort Collins, Colorado

For implementing an energy savings procurement contract to modernize lighting and heating ventilation and air conditioning systems in the Rocky Mountain Research Station in Fort Collins, Colorado which helped the Department of Agriculture save \$160,000.

Member Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, sponsored by the Governor, State of Arkansas

62

J. Neil Rutger, Agricultural Research Service, Stuttgart, Arkansas

For special recognition and appointment to the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority.

2000 Entomological Society of America Recognition Award in Insect Physiology, Biochemistry and Toxicology, sponsored by the Rohm and Haas Company

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James H. Tumlinson, Agricultural Research Service, Gainesville, Florida

In recognition of innovative research in the area of insect physiology, biochemistry and toxicology.

Honorable Mention in Audit Award, sponsored by the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency

Food Safety Initiative Team, Office of Inspector General

For outstanding contributions to the Department of Agriculture's transformation of its Food Safety Inspection Program to the science-based system known as the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point system.

Washington, DC Group Members:

Stephen V. Fowkes, Emanuel A. Dizzia, Bonita L. Abbey, Renee Redman

Beltsville, Maryland Group Members:

Marlane T. Evans, Deborah L. Outten-Mills, Lamar N. Anderson, Ronnie V. Cook, Caroline Higginbotham, Michael J. Maday, Denise D. McLean, JoAnn Moser, Janet M. Petruccy, Penny R. Wiedemer

Chicago, Illinois Group Members:

Edward R. Krivus, John W. Pepper, Michelle Aiken, Ramona C. Coleman, Jina L. Gilbert, Cheryl A. Hawkins, Mark S. Hight, Chiquita R. Lowery, Edward Malysa, Edward Nelson, Mark C. Schaper, Daniel T. Tighe

Atlanta, Georgia Group Members:

Raymond G. Poland, Joseph M. Holmes, Dennis W. Zimmerman, Robin Anderson, Janice D. Corley, Darryl L. Frazier, Larry W. Gean, Aubrey D. Herbin, Archie James, Albert E. Kozak, Gary A. Mecklin, John W. Self-Medlin, Stephanie R. Shaw, Gary L. Smith, Patricia B. Sullivan

Mission, Kansas Group Members:

Williams Boers, Herbert E. Carpenter, Lance R. Jenkins, Ralph E. Leeper, Jeffrey A. O'Connell, Larry S. True

San Francisco, California Group Members:

Richard A. Martin, Gredory Suko

Joseph P. McCraren Award, sponsored by the National Aquaculture Association

Meryl Broussard, Gary Jenson, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, Washington, DC

For outstanding contributions in promoting the growth of aquaculture.

Clean Water Action Plan Principals' Award, sponsored by the Department of Defense; Army Corps of Engineers; Department of Interior; Environmental Protection Agency, Commerce Department, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Department of Agriculture - on behalf of all nine Federal Department/Agency partners.

Jane Dodds, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service Washington, DC

For commitment to protecting and restoring America's waters and for leadership in public service through collaboration among Federal agencies.

Hancor Soil and Water Engineering Award, sponsored by the American Society of Agricultural Engineers

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Terry A. Howell, Agricultural Research Service, Bushland, Texas

For outstanding research contributions on irrigation systems, irrigation management and crop water response.

Outstanding Achievement Award, sponsored by the International Society for Range Management

Nancy L. Shaw, Forest Service, Boise, Idaho

For significant contributions to the science of range management as it relates to seed biology and seedling establishment of important desert and wetland plants.

Federal Laboratory Consortium Mid-Continent Regional Laboratory Award, sponsored by the Mid Continent Region Federal Laboratory Consortium; University of Arkansas - Little Rock, Small Business Development Center, Little Rock, Arkansas

Terry A. Howell, R. Nolan Clark, Agricultural Research Service, Bushland, Texas

For the transfer of federal technologies developed through research programs involving dryland and irrigated agriculture and water pumping using wind and solar energy.

Fellow Award, sponsored by the Society for Range Management

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Phillip L. Sims, Agricultural Research Service, Woodward, Oklahoma

For significant contributions and exceptional service to the Society for Range Management.

Merit Award, sponsored by the American Forage and Grassland Council

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Glen E. Aiken, Booneville, Arkansas; Byron Burson, College Station, Texas, Agricultural Research Service

For superior contributions in forage and grassland agriculture.

2000 National Awards Program for Excellence in College and University Teaching in the Food and Agricultural Sciences, sponsored by the Department of Agriculture and the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

Cleora J. D'Arcy, Uranba, Illinois; Gail P.A. Kauwell, Gainesville, Florida, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

For commitment to promoting the highest quality of American education in the food and agricultural sciences at colleges and universities.

George W. Hudler, Ithaca, New York; **John W. Riesen**, Storrs, Connecticut; **Melvin C. Hunt**, Manhattan, Kansas; **Robert J. Joly**, West Lafayette, Indiana; **Christine D. Townsend**, College Station, Texas; Michael K. McIntosh, Greensboro, North Carolina; **Michael W. Thomas**, Fresno, California; **Robert M. Torres**, Las Cruces, New Mexico, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

For commitment to promoting the highest quality of American education in the food and agricultural sciences.

Outstanding Agricultural Engineering Achievements of the 20th Century, sponsored by the American Society of Agricultural Engineers

67

Thomas B. Whitaker, Agricultural Research Service, Raleigh, North Carolina

For outstanding agricultural engineering achievements of the 20th Century.

National Association of Government Communicators Gold Screen Competition, sponsored by the National Association of Government Communicators

Dale L. Bartos, Fort Collins, Colorado; Gene Colling, Missoula, Montana

For receiving first place for the Video/Public Affairs Division for the video "Fading Gold — The Decline of Aspen in the West."

The Mary L. Farley Award, sponsored by The American Dairy Goat Association

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George R. Wiggans, Agricultural Research Service, Beltsville, Maryland

For outstanding work on behalf of the dairy goat industry specifically in providing genetic evaluations for yield and type traits.

Fellow, American Phytopathological Society, sponsored by The American Phytopathological Society

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David W. Weller, Agricultural Research Service, Pullman, Washington

For outstanding contributions in extension, research teaching or other activities related to the science of plant pathology, to the profession or to the Society.

J. L. Lush Award in Animal Breeding, sponsored by American Breeders Service Global, Incorporated, and the American Dairy Science Association

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Paul M. VanRaden, Agricultural Research Service, Beltsville, Maryland

For outstanding contributions to the dairy industry through animal breeding research.

Fellow, sponsored by the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers

71

Tom Schmugge, Agricultural Research Service,
Beltsville, Maryland

*For lifetime achievements in the development and
application of passive microwave remote sensing to
the study of soil moisture.*

Babcock-Hart Achievement Award, sponsored by the International Life
Sciences Institute of North America

George E. Inglett, Agricultural Research Service, Peoria, Illinois

*For outstanding contributions toward improving public health
through more nutritious food.*

Industrial Scientist Achievement Award, sponsored by the Institute of
Food Technologists

George E. Inglett, Agricultural Research Service, Peoria, Illinois

For major contributions to the advancement of the food industry.

Certificate of Exceptional Public Service, sponsored by the United States
Department of Energy

Kathy Allred, Vernon Ely, Forest Service, Albuquerque,
New Mexico

*For outstanding service and actions which were above and
beyond the call of duty during the catastrophic Cerro Grande Fire
in the Southwestern Region.*

Biotechnology Division Lifetime Achievement Award, sponsored by the
American Oil Chemists Society

Ching T. Hou, Agricultural Research Service, Peoria, Illinois

*For research on the biochemistry of enzymes and lipids and on
fatty acid biotransformations.*

2000 Pfizer Excellence in Bovine Research, sponsored by the American
Veterinary Medical Foundation

Steven R. Bolin (former employee), Agricultural Research Service,
Ames, Iowa

*For outstanding contributions to the society and to veterinary
medicine/research.*

Marion L. and Chrystie M. Jackson Soil Science Award, sponsored by the
Soil Science Society of America/Agronomic Science Foundation

David Laird, Agricultural Research Service, Ames, Iowa

*For originality of research in soil chemistry and data results and
overall impact on the field of soil science.*

Richard R. Hill 2000 Achievement Award, sponsored by the North
American Alfalfa Improvement Conference

Carroll P. Vance, Agricultural Research Service, St. Paul, Minnesota

For outstanding achievement in alfalfa science.

2000 Excellence in Poultry Research Award, sponsored by the American
Veterinary Medical Foundation

Aly M. Fadly, Agricultural Research Service, East Lansing,
Michigan

*For significant contributions and advancement of knowledge in
the area of poultry health.*

Fellow, Agronomy Society of America - Soil Science Society of America,
sponsored by the Agronomy Society of America and the Soil Science
Society of America

Dan B. Jaynes, Agricultural Research Service, Ames, Iowa

For contributions to soil research.

Environmental Achievement Award, sponsored by the United States Department of Interior

Jesus Fernando Lucero, Denise Ruben, Roberto Escobedo Rodriguez, Forest Service, Santa Fe, New Mexico

For continuous support to Mexico's Fire Management Training Program and providing technical assistance to Mexico's Fire Protection Program.

Fellow, Agronomy Society of America, sponsored by the Agronomy Society of America

Randy C. Shoemaker, Ames, Iowa; **Randall L. Nelson**, Urbana, Illinois Agricultural Research Service

For contributions to the field of agronomy.

Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science, sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement of Science

Cletus P. Kurtzman, Agricultural Research Service, Peoria, Illinois

For outstanding contributions to the knowledge of the evolutionary history and relationships of yeasts and for leadership activities in professional societies.

McMaster Fellowship for Distinguished Overseas Scientists, sponsored by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization in Griffith, New South Wales, Australia

72

James E. Ayars, Agricultural Research Service, Fresno, California

For outstanding contributions to water management and irrigated agriculture.

"Best of Conference" at the Second International Conference Geospatial Information in Agriculture and Forestry, sponsored by Veridian Environmental Research Institute of Michigan International

73

M. Susan Moran, Agricultural Research Service, Tucson, Arizona

For outstanding research contribution to the study of remote sensing for agricultural management.

U.S. News and World Report Outlook 2000 Innovator, sponsored by the Editors of U.S. News and Report Outlook 2000, January 2000

74

Betty K. Ishida, Agricultural Research Service, Albany, California

For research that will lead to a healthier, tastier tomato.

2000 Annual Award of the Agricultural and Food Chemistry Division of the American Chemical Society, sponsored by the International Flavors and Fragrances, Incorporated

75

Mendel Friedman, Agricultural Research Service, Albany, California

For distinguished achievements and service in agricultural and food chemistry.

Mary P. Huddleson Award, sponsored by the American Dietetic Association Foundation

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Mary J. Kretsch, Agricultural Research Service, Davis, California

For a research publication deemed to have made an important contribution to the dietetics profession.

Agricultural and Food Chemistry Division Fellows Award, sponsored by the American Chemical Society

Shin Hasegawa, Agricultural Research Service, Albany, California

For distinguished career contributions to agricultural and food chemistry.

Lee M. Hutchins Award, sponsored by the American Phytopathological Society

77

Mark Mazzola, Agricultural Research Service, Wenatchee, Washington

For contribution to basic or applied research on diseases of perennial fruit plants.

Frederick G. Brenner Award, sponsored by the Society of Range Management

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James A. Young, Agricultural Research Service, Reno, Nevada

For collective accomplishments as a scientist, educator, writer and historian.

Fellow, March 2000, sponsored by the Western Society of Weed Science

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Frank Young, Agricultural Research Service, Pullman, Washington

For lifetime achievements in the area of weed management and agronomic systems research.

Fellow Award, sponsored by the American Phytopathological Society

80

Joyce Loper, Agricultural Research Service, Corvallis, Oregon

For outstanding contributions to the profession of plant pathology.

Lifetime Achievement Award, sponsored by the American Phytopathological Society, Pacific Division

81

Robert Linderman, Agricultural Research Service, Corvallis, Oregon

For sustained contributions to knowledge of plant pathology achieved through research and leadership.

American Society of Civil Engineers 2000 Arid Lands Hydraulic Engineering Award, sponsored by the American Society of Civil Engineers

82

Leonard J. Lane, Agricultural Research Service, Tucson, Arizona

For significant contributions to our knowledge of arid land hydrology by developing new theory and practical engineering solutions to problems such as transmission losses in ephemeral stream channels, soil erosion and sedimentation.

C. Reed Funk Achievement Award, sponsored by the Turfgrass Breeders Association

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Reed E. Barker, Agricultural Research Service, Corvallis, Oregon

For outstanding turfgrass research achievements, service to the turfgrass industry and to the Turfgrass Breeders Association.

Exemplary Service Award, sponsored by the Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies

Reed E. Barker, Agricultural Research Service, Corvallis, Oregon

For completion of four years exemplary services as the Agricultural Research Service representative to the Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies National Grass Variety Review Board.

Fellow of Society, sponsored by the Crop Science Society of America

Reed E. Barker, Agricultural Research Service, Corvallis, Oregon

For outstanding service and exceptional research accomplishments in crop science.

Kumho Science International Award in Plant Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, sponsored by the Kumho Foundation

84

Athanasios Theologis, Agricultural Research Service, Albany, California

For successful efforts in sequencing the Arabidopsis genome (the award went to a group).

2001 Awards for Excellence in Technology Transfer, sponsored by the Federal Laboratory Consortium

Allen Cohen, Agricultural Research Service, Mississippi State, Mississippi

For developing an artificial diet for mass producing beneficial insects for biological pest control.

Perry B. Cregan, Agricultural Research Service, Beltsville, Maryland

For developing deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) marker technology that will help expedite new soybean variety development.

Wayne W. Hanna, Agricultural Research Service, Tifton, Georgia

For developing greener, more durable Bermudagrasses for athletic fields and golf courses.

Peter J. Landolt, Agricultural Research Service, Wapato, Washington

For developing environmentally friendly lures and traps for wasps and moths.

Bailey Mitchell, Agricultural Research Service, Athens, Georgia
For developing an electrostatic space charge system for reducing airborne pathogens and dust.

Attila E. Pavlath, Dominic W.S. Wong, Wayne Camirand (retired),
Agricultural Research Service, Albany, California
For developing protective edible film technology.

Martinus T. van Genuchten, Agricultural Research Service,
Riverside, California
For developing user-friendly computer software for identifying underground pollution problems.

Fellow, American Academy of Microbiology, sponsored by the American Society of Microbiology

Deepak Bhatnagar, Agricultural Research Service, New Orleans, Louisiana
For outstanding contributions to the science and profession of microbiology.

Royce J. Tipton Award, sponsored by The American Society of Civil Engineers

85

Theodor S. Strelkoff, Agricultural Research Service, Phoenix, Arizona
For significant advances in hydraulic engineering, particularly modeling unsteady flow phenomena in open channels and significant applications to surface-irrigation systems, dambreak flood waves and irrigation canals.

E.C. Stakman Award, sponsored by the University of Minnesota

William R. Bushnell, Agricultural Research Service, Stillwater, Oklahoma
For world acclaimed innovative and intellectually stimulating research into the physiological, molecular and biochemical

process of biotrophic fungal pathogens and the plant defenses that restrict their development; and, for editing and authoring classic books and reviews including "The Cereal Rusts", "Physiology of Haustoria" and the soon to be published "Powdery Mildews" and "Fusarium Head Blight of Wheat Barley."

The American Society of Animal Science Award in Meats Research, sponsored by The American Society of Animal Science Award in Meats Research and the American Society of Animal Science

86

Morse B. Solomon, Agricultural Research Service, Beltsville, Maryland
For career excellence in meat science research.

Fellow, sponsored by The American Society of Agronomy

87

Jerry Ritchie, Agricultural Research Service, Beltsville, Maryland
For lifetime achievements to agronomy.

Fellow, sponsored by the Soil Science Society of America

Jerry Ritchie, Agricultural Research Service, Beltsville, Maryland
For lifetime achievements in soil science.

Education Project Award, sponsored by the Board Certified Entomologists of Mid-America

Michael G. Klein, Agricultural Research Service, Wooster, Ohio

For contributions to the development of the Japanese Beetle Combo and Accordion Trap- Most Notable Team Effort - Consumer Products.

Outstanding Service Award, sponsored by the Association for the Advancement of Industrial Crops

88

Gail Dahlquist, Agricultural Research Service, Phoenix, Arizona

For recognition of outstanding service to The Association for the Advancement of Industrial Crops.

Best Paper Award, sponsored by the International Association of Hydrologic Sciences

89

Tom Jackson, Agricultural Research Service, Beltsville, Maryland

For best paper for Remote Sensing and Hydrology 2000 Symposium titled "Soil moisture mapping with passive microwave imagery data and geostatistical analysis."

White House Presidential Early Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers, sponsored by the National Science and Technology Council

90

Cindy D. Davis, Agricultural Research Service, Grand Forks, North Dakota

For new insights about nutritional determinants of cancer that may improve public health.

Randall S. Singer, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service and the University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois

For outstanding research in improving our understanding of the epidemiology and ecology of bacterial resistance to antimicrobial in farm animals.

First Place, 2000 Blue Pencil Competition/Publications/Features Category, sponsored by the National Association of Government Communicators

91

Marcia Wood, Agricultural Research Service, Albany, California

For excellence in writing the feature article, "New Pollinators Buzzing With Potential."

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SPECIAL MEMORIAL RECOGNITION IS GIVEN

In memory of Jean Hillery and Thomas Quardros, Compliance Officers with the Food Safety and Inspection Service and Bill Shaline, Department of Food and Agriculture in California. The three investigators tragically lost their lives in the line of duty on June 21, 2000, at the Santos Linguisa factory located in San Leandro, California. Family, friends and co-workers sorely miss them.

2000 Presidential Awards of Rank Senior Executive Service

Distinguished Executives

94

Thomas J. Army, Agricultural Research Service

For exemplary leadership and outstanding management of the Mid South Area of the Agricultural Research Service, the world's largest agricultural research organization.

95

Colien Hefferan, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

For exemplary leadership and outstanding management of the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's link to America's universities.

Meritorious Executives

96

Margot Anderson, Office of the Chief Economist

For outstanding leadership in developing a coordinated global change research program at USDA, working with the White House and other Federal departments to coordinate research and policy, representing USDA at international climate change negotiations, and providing outreach to Congress and the public on climate change issues.

97

Thomas S. Elias, Agricultural Research Service

For outstanding management of the U.S. National Arboretum, the only Federal facility to conduct research, provide education, and conserve and display trees, shrubs, flowers, and other plants to enhance the environment.

98

Leonard Hardy, Jr. (retired), Rural Development

For outstanding leadership and dedication to assure that critical systems in the Rural Development mission area would be certified as Year 2000 compliant and in operational status in support of the 700,000 borrowers which the Rural Development currently serves.

10

Floyd P. Horn, Agricultural Research Service

For outstanding leadership of the Agricultural Research Service, the largest and most diverse public-sector mission oriented, centrally directed agricultural research organization in the world.

100

Peter J. Roussopoulos, Forest Service

For outstanding contributions to the scientific management of our Nation's forest resources.

101

Edward Scarbrough, Food Safety and Inspection Service

For his outstanding leadership and innovative approach to implementing changes to effectively address U.S. trade policies, to focus on science, and to revamp the planning process of Codex to ensure continued coordination of international food standards, to protect the health of consumers, and to facilitate fair practices in food trade.

102

David R. Shipman, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

For outstanding leadership and management of the Nations' grain inspection and weighing system, a system that promotes the fair and efficient marketing of more than \$60 billion of U.S. grain and oilseeds annually.

103

Paul E. Thompson, Food Safety and Inspection Service

For sustained vision and outstanding leadership in creating, and being named the founding director of the Food Safety and Inspection Service Technical Service Center, the primary information resource for government and industry personnel dealing with the production of safe meat, poultry and egg products worldwide.

104

Eleanor S. Towns, Forest Service

For exceptional leadership in managing activities in the 20 million acres of national forests and 260 thousand acres of national grasslands in Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma.

105

Lawrence Wachs, Office of Budget and Program Analysis

For outstanding skill and leadership in the development and presentation of the President's budget for USDA to the Congress, one of the most complicated and diverse resource acquisition and allocation programs in the Federal Government.

106

Kaye Wachsmuth, Food Safety and Inspection Service

For exemplary contributions to the creation of a public health and science based approach to food safety.

107

Thomas A. Weber, Natural Resources Conservation Service

For exceptional leadership in several key positions that illustrate his abilities to meet challenges, make change, achieve outstanding results and accomplish the mission of the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

2001 Length of Service Awards Forty or More Years of Service

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ABE, DEE E., APHIS	AIEA, HI
ADAMS, WADE W., NASS	ORLANDO, FL
ADELBLUE, JERRY VERN, FS	HELENA, MT
ADKINS, WILLIAM R., FSIS	TEMPERANCEVILLE, VA
ALANIZ, MARIO, APHIS	MISSION, TX
ALBRECHT, ARNOLD JACOB, FS	JUNEAU, AK
ALLEN, PAUL A., FSIS	SAN ANTONIO, TX
ALLMARAS, RAYMOND R., ARS	ST. PAUL, MN
ALMGREN, RICHARD SPENCER, FS	REDDING, CA
AMERMAN, CARROLL R., ARS	BELTSVILLE, MD
ANDREWS, CHARLES H., NRCS	COBLESKILL, NY
ANDUJAR, CARLOS A., RHS	STILLWATER, OK
ARMBRUST, DEAN V., ARS	MANHATTAN, KS
ARNOLD, MACK P., AMS	BROOKSVILLE, FL
ARNOLD, MARCELLUS T., ARS	BELTSVILLE, MD
AUSTIN, WALTER E., FSA	PEORIA, IL
BACHICHA, TOMMY B., FS	ALBUQUERQUE, NM
BAIZE, JACKIE W., APHIS	EL PASO, TX
BAKER, DOROTHEA A., OALJ	WASHINGTON, DC
BALLARD, DANNY L., ARS	SHAFTER, CA
BALTZELL, JOHN T., FS	FLAGSTAFF, AZ
BANNISTER, JAMES F., FS	CLE ELUM, WA
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BARNETT, JAMES P., FS	PINEVILLE, LA
BARTEK, ALBERT L., NRCS	MADISON, WI
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BECKER, GERTRUDE E., FS	LYTLE CREEK, CA
BEJARANO, JR., CARLOS, APHIS	PHOENIX, AZ
BENNETT, MACK, AMS	MEMPHIS, TN
BERTONIERE, NOELIE R., ARS	NEW ORLEANS, LA

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 BICKERTON, PHYLLIS P., ARS
 BILBO, JIMMY W., FSIS
 BINDER, RONALD G., ARS
 BINGHAM, H. KENT, FS
 BLAKE, DAVID J., FSIS
 BLOUNT, VANSIE L., ARS
 BOEHM, RONALD E., FS
 BONSEN, WILLIAM L., NRCS
 BOUWER, HERMAN, ARS
 BOYD, JULIUS J., AMS
 BOYKIN, ROBERT L., FSIS
 BOYLSTON, EILEEN K., ARS
 BRANSON, RICHARD H., FSIS
 BRASHEAR, KENNETH R., NRCS
 BRAZEE, ROSS D., ARS
 BRODIE, BILL B., ARS
 BROOKS, WAYNE, FSIS
 BROOKS, JR., WILBUR J., FSIS
 BROWN, BERWYN L., FS
 BROWN, ELISE A., FSIS
 BROWN, RICHARD T., ARS
 BRYANT, ROGER R., FS
 BRYCE, BARRY M., APHIS
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 COOKE, GERALDINE H., FS
 COONEY, ROBERT J., FSA
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 COOPER, JR., ROY, FSA
 COOPER, WILLIE F., FSA
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 CROSBY, ELIZABETH S., AMS
 CULVER, JAMES R., NRCS
 CUNNINGHAM, GREGORY M., NRCS

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